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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Denis Tranchand-Bunel, et al.  
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For: Detecting And Monitoring HIV Infections

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**RESPONSE TO  
NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to the Notification Of Defective Response mailed February 11, 2002 in the above application. A copy of this Notification is enclosed.

The Notification states that there is no documentation that identifies a third inventor in the application. In a conversation with Ms. Charitta A. Burt, applicant was informed that there is an unexplained discrepancy between the identification of inventors for the United States in the International Application and the inventors as identified in the Declaration filed by applicant with the Response to Notification of Missing Requirements.

Applicant provides the following explanation for this discrepancy. A clerical error was made in the International Application in that Helene GRAS-MASSE was incorrectly listed on the application document in the area for designating Applicant (for all states except the United States) rather than in the area for designating Inventor (for the United States). This clerical error has not been corrected at the International Bureau of WIPO during the international procedure. This clerical error occurred without deceptive intention at the time that the application documents were being prepared by the applicant's originating French law firm, Cabinet Ores.

Applicant hereby requests that this clerical error be corrected by deleting Helene GRAS-MASSE as an Applicant in the International Application and that she be included in the designation of Inventors for the United States.

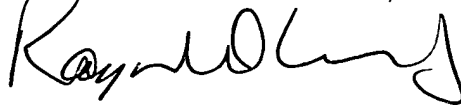
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Accordingly, applicant requests favorable reconsideration and notification of the acceptance of the Declaration as it was filed on July 12, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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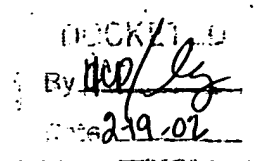
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- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Priority Document
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette
- Biochemical Sequence Listing
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- English Translation of the IA
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - There is no documentation that identifies a third inventor in the application.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).



Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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